

any of those campaigns did I see him discouraged or bitter. He is an inspiring fellow — a man with the unique ability to bolster sagging spirits and to leave one feeling a little bit better by having had the pleasure of his company. For these and for a great many other reasons, I was delighted and happy when the committee asked that I welcome you tonight to this Testimonial Dinner in honor of my long-time friend and his lovely wife, Hazel.

It is my understanding that Lou will begin campaigning in earnest on Friday of this week. Once he hits the highways and byways of Maryland, I doubt if those of us here will be seeing him too often. However, I am sure I speak for everyone here tonight when I extend to Louis Goldstein our best wishes for a successful campaign in both the primary and general elections.

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It is heart-warming and encouraging to see such a splendid turnout of Eastern Shore Democrats on this occasion. It is my happy privilege to welcome to Maryland and to present to this audience our distinguished guest of the evening, the honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce of the United States. Mr. Secretary, we are deeply pleased and highly honored to have you with us this evening.

As most of you know, I am sure, Luther Hodges was Governor of North Carolina before he became a cabinet member, under the late President Kennedy and now under President Johnson. It has been my good fortune to have been associated closely with him, as a Governor of one of our sister states of the South and since that time as Secretary of Commerce.

Luther Hodges has crowded more careers in fewer years than anyone I have known. He began as a mill hand and office boy in a mill in a small North Carolina town, moved up the scale to Personnel Manager, Mill Manager, Production Manager and finally, in 1943, to Vice-President of Marshall Field & Company, the great retailing firm which owned the mill. Mr. Hodges in 1950 announced his retirement, or so it was said at the time, but subsequent events showed